

*** Bearing Capacity

The supporting power of a soil (or) rock is called as Bearing Capacity of the soil.

The minm gross pressure intensity at the base of the footing on which the soil fails in shear is known as UBC (ultimate bearing capacity) of the soil. Gross pressure intensity indicates above pressure due to superstructure load, self wt of foundation & soil fill (if any). The symbol of UBC is q_u (or) q_f failure

The minm net pressure intensity at the base of the footing on which the soil fails in shear, is known as net UBC. Its symbol is q_{nu} (or) q_{nf}

$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D$$

where,

γ = unit wt of soil above base of the footing

D = depth of the foundation

The ratio of net ultimate bearing capacity to the FOS against shear is called net safe bearing capacity.

Its symbol is q_{ns}

$$q_{ns} = \frac{q_{nu}}{F} = \frac{q_u - \gamma D}{F}$$

The maxm pressure intensity at the base of the footing on which soil does not fail in shear is called SBC
 Its symbol is q_s (Safe Bearing Capacity)

$$q_s = q_{ns} + \gamma D = q_u \frac{\gamma D}{F} + \gamma D$$

The pressure intensity at the base of the footing on which the soil neither fails in shear nor in settlement is known as Allowable Bearing Capacity

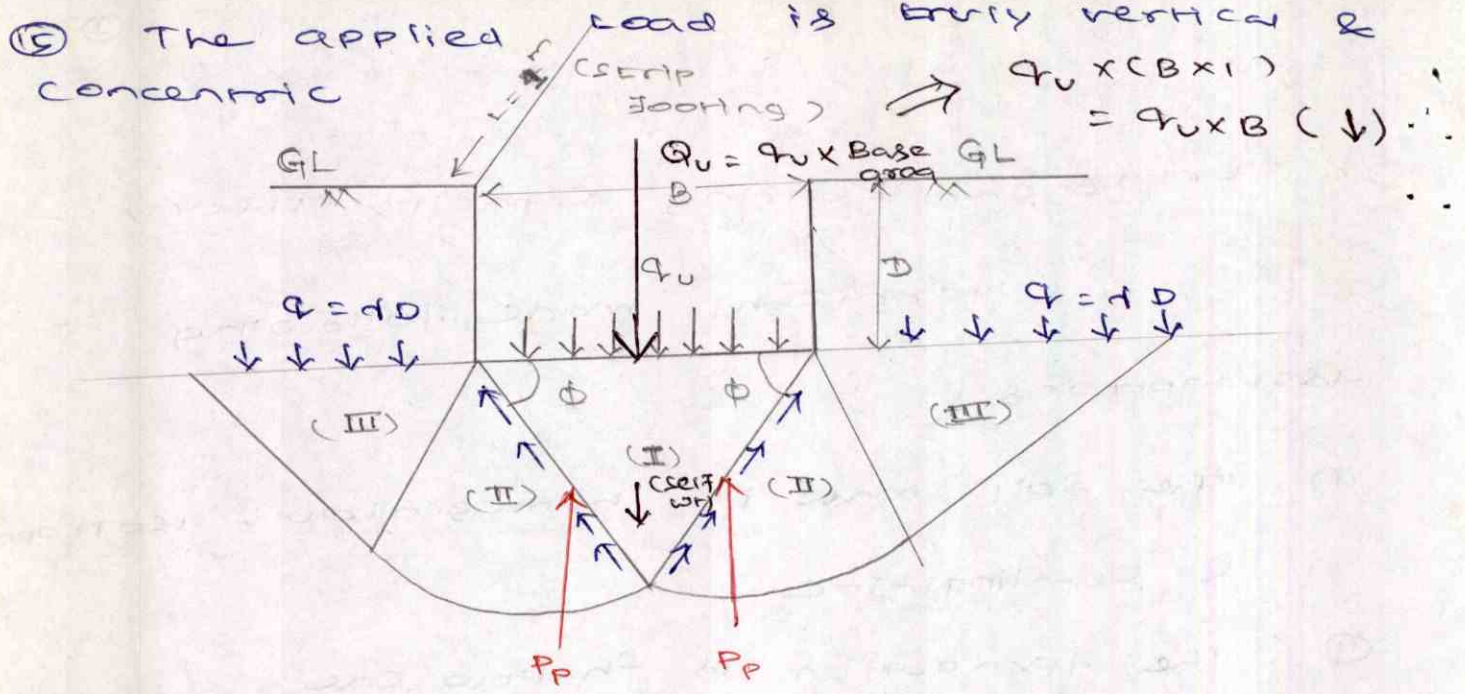
Development of Bearing Capacity of soil :-

- (i) Rankine Earth Pressure classical theory
- (ii) Prandtl theory (mainly for cohesive soil)
- (iii) Dr. Karl Terzaghi theory
- (iv) Skempton theory (mainly for pure cohesive soil $\phi = 0$)
- (v) Mr. Meyerhof theory (improvement on Dr. Terzaghi theory)
- (vi) Brinch Hansen theory (Based on Terzaghi theory on improvement of Meyerhof theory)
- (vii) Mr. Vesic theory (similar to Hansen) (ISI theory)

Dr. Terrazaghi Bearing Capacity Theory :-

Dr. Terrazaghi made following assumptions :-

- (i) The soil mass is homogeneous, isotropic & semi-infinite
- (ii) The foundation is shallow one
- (iii) The foundation is of strip type (continuous)
- (iv) The base of footing is rough
- (v) The shear strength theory given by Coulomb is holds good.
- (vi) The analysis is of two dimensional
- (vii) The super position method holds good.
- (viii) The triangular soil wedge makes an angle ϕ with horizon
- (ix) The triangular soil wedge behaves like part of foundation
- (x) The triangular soil wedge below the base of footing is designated as zone I which is in elastic equilibrium
- (xi) The zone II is of radial shear zone having logarithmic spiral curve
- (xii) The zone III is called Rankine passive pressure zone or linear shear zone.
- (xiii) Soil is in dry condition
- (xiv) The shear failure is of general shear failure

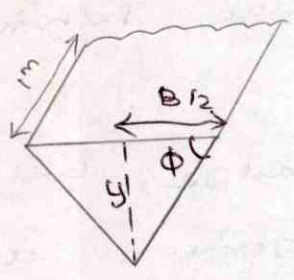


Consider elastic equilibrium of triangular soil wedge which is subjected to following types of forces.

- ① Downward vertical load from superstructure including self wt of footing & soil fill

$$Q_u = Q_u \times (B \times 1) \quad (\downarrow)$$

- ② Self wt of triangular soil wedge acting downward



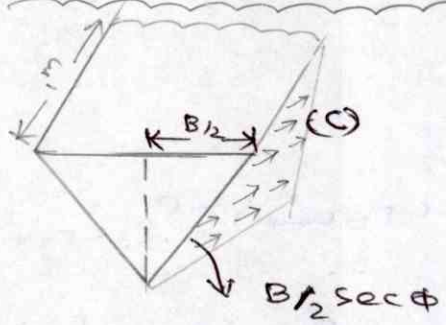
$$y = B/2 \times \tan \phi$$

$$\text{Self wt} = \gamma \times \text{volume}$$

$$= \gamma \times \frac{1}{2} \times B \times B/2 \tan \phi \times l$$

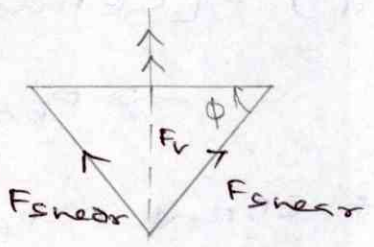
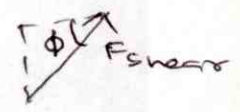
$$W_s = \frac{\gamma B^2}{4} \tan \phi \quad (\downarrow)$$

③ Shear strength of soil :-

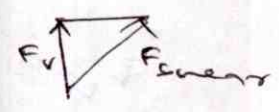


$$F_{\text{shear}} = C \times \text{Surface area}$$

$$= C \times (1 \times B/2 \sec \phi)$$



$$\sin \phi = \frac{F_v}{F_{\text{shear}}}$$



$$\Rightarrow F_v = F_{\text{shear}} \sin \phi$$

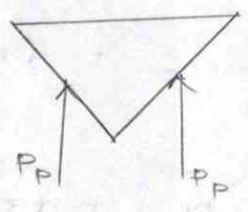
$$\uparrow \frac{CB}{2} \tan \phi$$

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$$F_v = \left(\frac{CB \sec \phi}{2} \right) \sin \phi$$

$$\uparrow = CB \tan \phi$$

④ Passive Resistance (P_p)



Passive Resistance develops due to three

Parameters

- ① cohesion of the soil
- ② surcharge pressure (Overburden soil) at the base of the footing (due to γD)
- ③ due to self wt of soil in linear shear zone

Applying Law of equilibrium,

$$\sum v = 0$$

$$Q_u + W_{self} - F_{s(cross)} - P_p(cross) = 0$$

$$Q_u \cdot B + \frac{\gamma B^2}{4} \tan \phi - cB \tan \phi - 2[P_{pc} + P_{pq} + P_{pd}] = 0$$

$$Q_u \cdot B + \left[\frac{\gamma B^2}{4} \tan \phi - 2P_{pd} \right] - [cB \tan \phi + 2P_{pc}]$$

$$- 2P_{pq} = 0$$

$$Q_u \cdot B = 2P_{pd} - \frac{\gamma B^2}{4} \tan \phi + cB \tan \phi + 2P_{pc} + 2P_{pq}$$

where,

$$2P_{pd} - \frac{\gamma B^2}{4} \tan \phi = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B^2 N_d$$

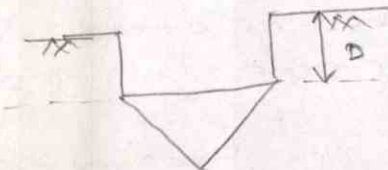
$$cB \tan \phi + 2P_{pc} = cB N_c$$

$$2P_{pq} = \gamma D B N_q$$

$$Q_u \cdot B = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B^2 N_d + cB N_c + \gamma D B N_q$$

$$Q_u = \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_d + c N_c + \gamma D N_q$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_u = \underbrace{c N_c}_{\substack{\text{Always} \\ \text{Below Base of} \\ \text{footing}}} + \underbrace{0.5 \gamma B N_d}_{\substack{\text{Below the} \\ \text{base of footing}}} + \underbrace{\gamma D N_q}_{\substack{\text{Above the} \\ \text{Base of} \\ \text{footing}}}$$



where, N_c, N_q, N_γ are bearing capacity factors which are dependent on angle of repose (ϕ) only.

Above formula holds good only for strip footing subjected to general shear failure.

But, in case of Local shear failure above formula is to be corrected as given below

① The value of cohesion is taken as $\frac{2}{3}C$

$$C_m = C' = \frac{2}{3}C$$

② The eff. angle of repose is taken as

$$\tan \phi' = \frac{2}{3} \tan \phi$$

(mobilised) $\phi_m = \phi' = \tan^{-1}(\frac{2}{3} \tan \phi)$

③ The values of bearing capacity factors are determined with the help of ϕ' only

$$q_u = \frac{2}{3} C N_c' + 0.5 \gamma B N_q' + \gamma D N_\gamma'$$

NOTE: 01

① There are mainly two type of shear failure as per Dr. Terzaghi theory

a) General shear failure

b) Local shear failure

② In case of general shear failure bulging of soil takes place

③ In case of local shear failure first compn of soil takes place

④ In case of general shear failure the angle of repose $\phi \geq 38^\circ$

But in case of local shear failure the value of $\phi \leq 28^\circ$

⑤ In case of general shear failure the strain developed in the soil is less than 5%.

But in case of local shear failure strain = 10 - 20%.

⑥ In case of general shear failure the value of I_p is more than 70%.

But in case of local shear failure the value of I_p is less than 20%.

⑦ In case of general shear failure the SCD penetration number (N is more than (or) equal to 30)

But in case of local shear failure $N < 5$

⑧ In case of general shear failure the value of unconfined compressive strength of clay is $\geq 100 \text{ kPa}$

But for local shear failure $< 100 \text{ kPa}$

Correction in Terzaghi formula of Bearing Capacity

① Size & Shape of the footing:-

General shear failure

Square footing

$$q_v = 1.3 C N_c + 0.4 \gamma B N_\gamma + \gamma D N_q$$

Circular footing

$$q_v = 1.3 C N_c + 0.3 \gamma B N_\gamma + \gamma D N_q$$

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Rectangular footing
(RAFT)

$$q_v = \left[1 + 0.3 \frac{B}{L}\right] C N_c + \left[1 - 0.2 \frac{B}{L}\right] 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma + \gamma D N_q$$

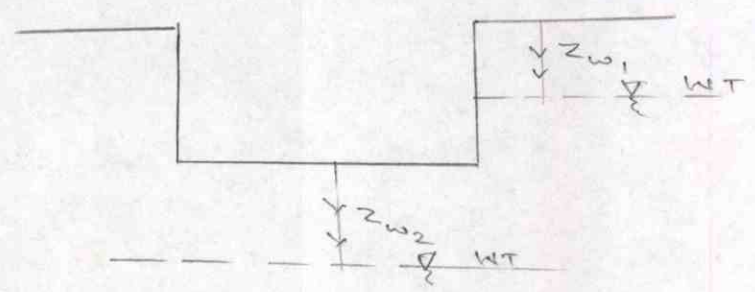
FOR LOCAL SHEAR FAILURE

$$q_v = 1.3 \left(\frac{2}{3} C\right) N_c' + 0.4 \gamma B N_\gamma' + \gamma D N_q' \Rightarrow \text{square}$$

$$q_v = 1.3 \left(\frac{2}{3} C\right) N_c' + 0.3 \gamma B N_\gamma' + \gamma D N_q' \Rightarrow \text{circular}$$

$$q_v = \left(1 + 0.3 \frac{B}{L} \times \frac{2C}{\sqrt{3}}\right) N_c' + \left[1 - 0.2 \frac{B}{L}\right] 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma' + \gamma D N_q' \Rightarrow \text{rectangular}$$

② DUE TO PRESENCE OF WATER TABLE:-



Due to rise of water table the unit wt of soil comes down (γ_{sub})

Generally the value of $\gamma_{sub} = 50\% \gamma_{sat}$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{sub} &= \gamma_{sat} - \gamma_w \\ &= 19.8 - 9.81 \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2} \times 19.8 \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2} \times \gamma_{sat}\end{aligned}$$

If the soil below GL is sandy (cohesionless) then the value of VBC reduces by 50% (reduced to)

According to Dr. Terzaghi VBC can be corrected as below

$$\gamma_u = C \gamma_c + 0.5 \gamma_B \gamma_d R_{w2} + \gamma_D \gamma_d R_{w1}$$

where,

R_{w1} = Reduction factor due to presence of water table

$$R_{w1} = 0.5 \left[1 + \frac{z_{w1}}{D} \right]$$

R_{w2} = Reduction factor

$$R_{w2} = 0.5 \left[1 + \frac{z_{w2}}{B} \right]$$

CASE: 01

WT at G.L

$$z_{w1} = 0 ; z_{w2} = 0$$

$$R_{w1} = 0.5 \left[1 + \frac{z_{w1}}{D} \right] = 0.5$$

$$R_{w2} = 0.5 \left[1 + \frac{z_{w2}}{B} \right] = 0.5$$

CASE: 02

WT at the Base of the footing

$$z_{w1} = D ; z_{w2} = 0$$

$$R_{w1} = 0.5 \left[1 + \frac{z_{w1}}{D} \right] = 1$$

$$R_{w2} = 0.5 \left[1 + \frac{z_{w2}}{B} \right] = 0.5$$

CASE: 03

WT is at far away from the base of the footing

$$z_{w2} \geq B$$

$$z_{w1} = D$$

$$R_{w1} = 0.5 \left[1 + \frac{z_{w1}}{D} \right] = 1$$

$$R_{w2} = 0.5 \left[1 + \frac{z_{w2}}{B} \right] = 1$$

NOER: 01

in case of pure cohesive soil $\phi = 0$

$$N_c = 5.7$$

$$N_q = 1$$

$$N_t = 0$$



$$\therefore q_u = C N_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_q + \gamma D N_q$$

$$q_u = 5.7 C + \gamma D$$

NOTE: 02

If the footing is at GL

$$\text{then } D = 0$$

and hence for pure cohesive soil ($\phi = 0$)

$$Q_u = 5.7 C$$

It means the bearing capacity of pure cohesive soil is independent of size of footing.

NOTE: 03

In case of cohesionless soil the bearing capacity is dependent on size of the footing

$$C = 0$$

$$Q_u = C N_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_q + \gamma D N_q$$

$$Q_u = 0 + 0.5 \gamma B N_q + \gamma D N_q$$

(at the GL)

$$\frac{Q_u (\text{strip})}{Q_u (\text{square})} = \frac{0.5 \gamma B N_q}{0.4 \gamma B N_q} = \frac{0.5}{0.4} \approx 1.25$$

(at the GL)

$$\frac{Q_u (\text{strip})}{Q_u (\text{square})} = \frac{0.5 \gamma B_1 N_q}{0.4 \gamma B_2 N_q} = 1.25 B_1 / B_2$$

NOTE: 04

$$Q_{nu} = Q_u - \gamma D$$

$$= C N_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_q + \gamma D N_q - \gamma D$$

$$Q_{nu} = C N_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_q + \gamma D (N_q - 1)$$

Equal size

Skempton's theory: -

According to Dr. Terrazagi the value of N_c is independent of depth, which is not correct as per Mr. Skempton

For pure cohesive soil ($\phi = 0$), Only Skempton theory is adopted (Better than Dr. Terrazagi theory)

According to Mr. Skempton, the value of N_c is not constant but varies as per $\frac{D}{B}$ ratio

① For strip footing

$N_c = 5.14 \approx 5 ; (D=0)$

$N_c = 5 \left[1 + 0.2 \frac{D}{B} \right] ; D/B < 2.5$

$N_c = 1.5 \times 5 = 7.5 ; D/B > 2.5$

② For circular & square footing

$N_c = 6 ; D/B = 0$

$N_c = 6 \left[1 + 0.2 \frac{D}{B} \right] ; D/B < 2.5$

$N_c = 1.5 \times 6 = 9 ; D/B > 2.5$

Mainly for pile foundation

③ $N_c = \left[1 + 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right] \times N_{c \text{ strip}} ; D/B = 0$

$N_c = \left[1 + 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right] \times N_{c \text{ (strip)}} ; D/B < 2.5$

$N_c = \left[1 + 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right] \times N_{c \text{ (strip)}} ; D/B > 2.5$

Numericals: -

① A shallow foundation having size $2 \times 2 \text{ m}$ is founded at a depth of 1.5 m below G.L. The soil properties above the base of the footing are $c = 15 \text{ kPa}$; $\phi = 17^\circ$; $\gamma = 17 \text{ kN/m}^3$; The properties of soil below the base of the footing are $c = 0$; $\phi = 38^\circ$; $\gamma = 19.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$. The water table is at 1 m below G.L. Take, $N_c = 34$; $N_q = 33$; $N_\gamma = 25$.

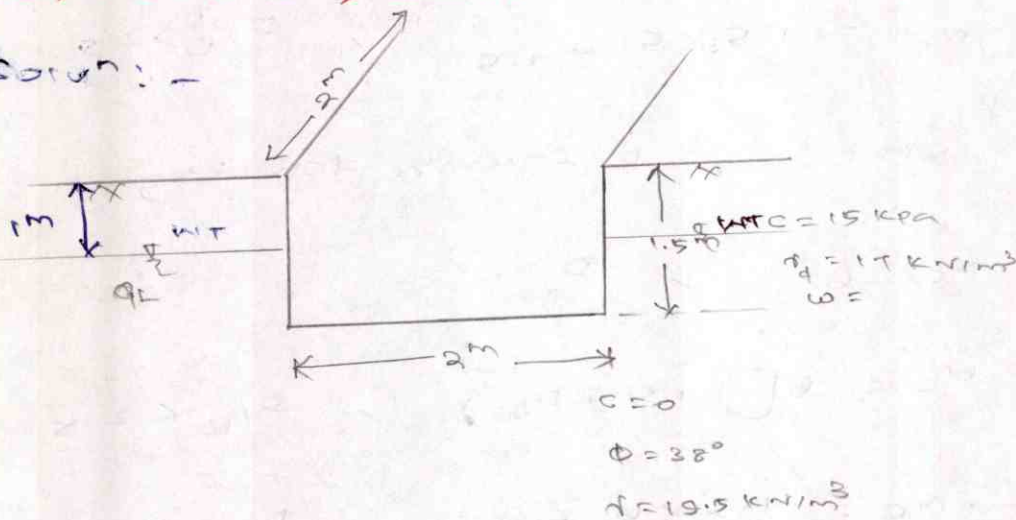
Determine

- ① UBC
- ② SBC
- ③ Safe load on the footing
- ④ Safe load on the footing if eccentricity

In x-direction = 0.4 ; y-direction = 0.4

Take, FOS = 3; water content = 25%.

Soln: -



$$\gamma_b = \gamma_d (1 + w)$$

$$\gamma_b = 21.25 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

For Square Footing: -

$$Q_u = 1.3 c N_c + 0.4 \gamma_b N_q + \gamma D N_q + 0.5 \gamma N_\gamma$$

Below the base of the footing Below the base Above the base Surcharge pressure

$$= 1.3 \times 0 + 0.4 \times 19.5 \times 2 \times 33 \times 0.5 [1 + 0]$$

$$+ 21.25 \times 1.5 \times 25 \times 0.5 [1 + \frac{1}{13}]$$

$$Q_u = 826.15 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$\gamma D = \sigma' = 17 \times 1 + 21.25 \times 0.5 - 9.81 \times 0.5$$

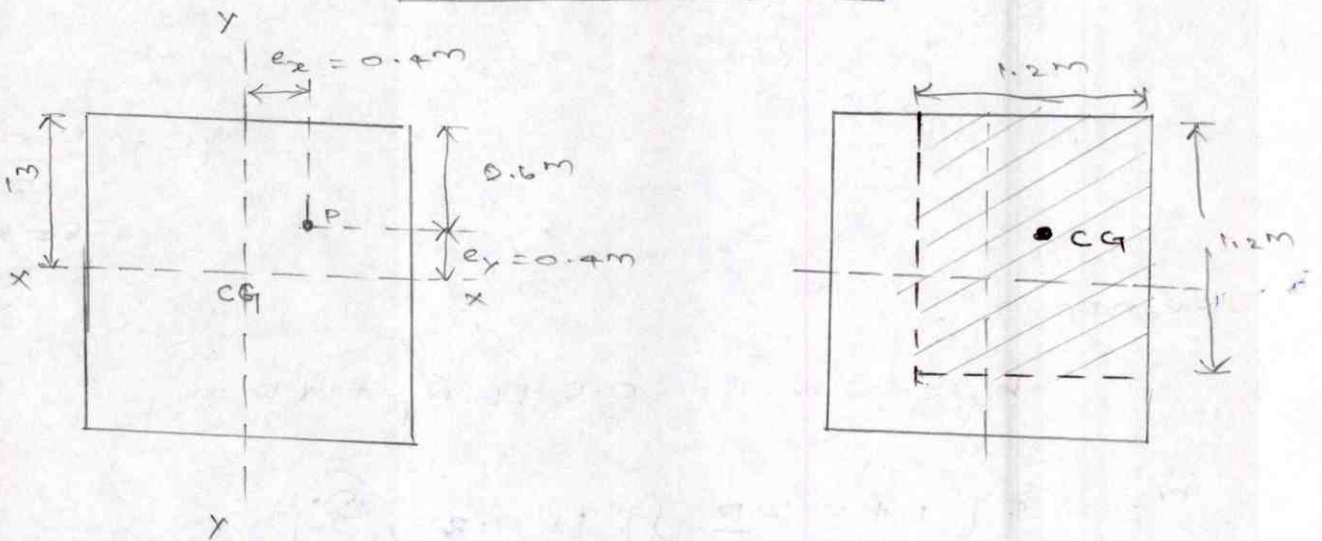
$$= 22.75 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_s &= q_{ns} + dD \\
 &= \frac{q_v - dD}{F} + dD \\
 &= \frac{826.15 - 22.75}{3} + 22.75
 \end{aligned}$$

$$q_s = 290.55 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_s \text{ (Safe Load)} &= q_s \times (L \times B) \\
 &= 290.55 \times 2 \times 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_s = 1162.2 \text{ kN}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 q_v &= 1.3 \times (N_c + 0.4 \times B' \times \gamma) \times R_{w2} + dD \times \gamma \times R_{w2} \\
 &= 0.4 \times 19.5 \times 1.2 \times 33 \times 0.5 + 22.72 \times 25
 \end{aligned}$$

$$q_v = 722.44 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_s = \frac{q_v - dD}{F} + dD = \frac{722.44 - 22.72}{3} + 22.72$$

$$q_s = 255.96 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_s &= q_s \times (B' \times L') \\
 &= 255.96 \times (1.2 \times 1.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_s = 368.58 \text{ kPa}$$

② A RAFT Foundation having size $6\text{m} \times 12\text{m}$ is founded at a depth 2m below the GL. The soil properties are $\phi = 0$; $c = 60\text{ kPa}$ (unconfined compressive strength) = 120 kPa

Determine i) UBC

ii) SBC

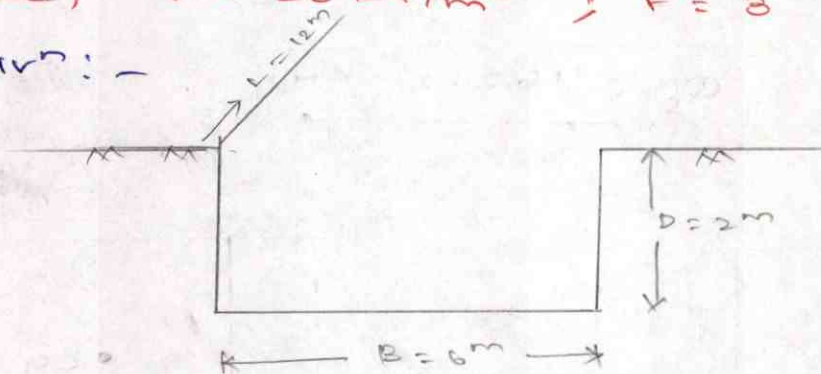
iii) Safe Load

Use Skempton theory

What will be the difference in safe load if Terzaghi theory is adopted.

Take, $\gamma = 20\text{ kN/m}^3$; $F = 3$

Soln: -



$$c = \frac{120}{2} = 60\text{ kPa}$$

Skempton;

$$q_u = c N_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_1 + \gamma D N_4$$

$$N_c = 5 \left[1 + 0.2 \frac{D}{B} \right] \left[1 + 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right]$$

$N_c = N_c \times (1 + 0.2 \frac{B}{L})$

$$N_c = 5.33 \times 1.1 = 5.863$$

$$q_u = 60 \times 5.863 + 20 \times 2 \times 1$$

i) UBC $q_u = 391.78\text{ kPa}$

ii) SBC $q_s = \frac{q_u - \gamma D}{F} + \gamma D = 157.26\text{ kPa}$

iii) $Q_s = q_s \times B \times L$
 $= 157.26 \times 6 \times 12$

Safe Load $Q_s = 11322.72\text{ kN}$

For Terzaghi

$$q_u = cnc \left[1 + 0.3 \frac{B}{L} \right] \left[1 + 0.2 \frac{B}{L} \right] + \gamma D n q$$

$$= 60 \times 5.7^{1.15} + 20 \times 2 \times 1$$

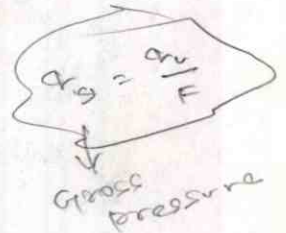
$$q_u = 438.3 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_s = \frac{q_u - \gamma D}{F} + \gamma D$$

$$q_s = 178 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_s = q_s \times B \times L$$

$$Q_s = 17919.2 \text{ kN}$$



Diff. in safe load

$$12319.2 - 11322.72 = 996.48$$

$$= 234 \text{ kN}$$

③ Two circular footing of diameters D_1 & D_2 are resting on the surface of the same purely cohesive soil. Determine the ratio of their UBC $\phi = 0$

Soln: -

$$q_u = 1.3 cnc + 0.3 \gamma B n + \gamma D n q$$

$$q_{u1} = 1.3 c \times 5.7$$

$$q_{u2} = 1.3 c \times 5.7$$

$$\frac{q_{u1}}{q_{u2}} = 1$$

⊕ A strip footing 8m wide is designed for a FOS of 40mm. X

⊕ A footing 2.25m square is located at 1.5m in a sand of unit wt 18 kN/m³. Take, $\phi = 0$; $\phi = 36^\circ$. Calculate the safe load. Take Terzaghi bearing capacity factors $N_c = 65.4$; $N_q = 49.4$; $N_{\phi} = 54$. Take, FOS = 8

Soln: -

$$q_u = 1.3 \frac{c}{N_c} + 0.4 \gamma B N_q + \gamma D N_q$$

$$= 0.4 \times 18 \times 2.25 \times 54 + 18 \times 1.5 \times 49.4$$

$$q_u = 2205.6 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_s = \frac{q_u - \gamma D}{F} + \gamma D$$

$$q_s = 719.2 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_s = q_s \times (2.25 \times 2.25)$$

$$Q_s = 3818.14 \text{ kN}$$

⑤ A square footing having size $2^m \times 2^m$ is founded below GL at a depth 1.5m. The load is applied at an angle 15° with the vertical on the footing. Soil properties are $c = 0$; $\phi = 38^\circ$; $\gamma = 17.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$ wt is at GL take, $\gamma_{sat} = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$. Use BIS method (Bureau of Indian Std) determine net ultimate bearing capacity & safe permissible load on the footing. Take, FOS = 2
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NOTE:-

According to IS 6403-1981 the ultimate bearing capacity of soil is given by formula based on Mr. Vesic

$$Q_u = c N_c s_c d_c i_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_\gamma s_\gamma d_\gamma i_\gamma + \gamma D N_q s_q d_q i_q + \gamma D N_q s_q d_q i_q$$

Where,

Bearing capacity factors are as below

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot \phi$$

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan \phi} \times \gamma \tan^2 (45^\circ + \phi/2)$$

$$N_\gamma = 2 [N_q + 1] \tan \phi$$

Shape Factors

$$s_c = 1 + 0.2 B/L \rightarrow \text{Rectangular footing}$$

$$= 1.3 \rightarrow \text{Circular \& Square footing}$$

$$= 1 \rightarrow \text{Strip footing}$$

$$s_q = 1 + 0.2 B/L \rightarrow \text{Rectangular}$$

$$= 1.2 \rightarrow \text{Circular \& Square footing}$$

$$s_\gamma = 1 - 0.4 B/L \rightarrow \text{Rectangular}$$

$$= 0.8 \rightarrow \text{Square}$$

$$= 0.6 \rightarrow \text{Circular}$$

DEPTH FACTOR: -

$$d_c = 1 + 0.2 D/B \tan(45^\circ + \phi/2)$$

$$d_q = d_d = (1 + 0.1 D/B \tan(45^\circ + \phi/2)) ; \phi > 10^\circ$$

$$d_q = d_d = 1 ; \phi < 10^\circ$$

inclination factor:

$$i_c = i_q = \left[1 - \frac{\alpha}{90} \right]^2$$

degree

$$i_d = \left[1 - \frac{\alpha}{\phi} \right]^2$$

Given data,

$$\phi = 38^\circ$$

$$\alpha = 15^\circ$$

$$B = 2 \text{ m (square)}$$

$$c = 0$$

$$D = 1.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan \phi} \times \tan^2(45^\circ + \phi/2)$$

$$s_c = 1.3$$

$$= 48.933$$

$$s_q = 1.2$$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot \phi$$

$$s_d = 0.8$$

$$= 61.35$$

$$d_c = 1 + 0.2 D/B \tan(45^\circ + \phi/2)$$

$$d_c = 1.3075$$

$$N_d = 2(N_q + 1) \tan \phi$$

$$= 78.024$$

$$d_q = d_d = 1 + 0.1 D/B \tan(45^\circ + \phi/2)$$

$$d_q = d_d = 1.1537$$

$$i_c = i_q = \left[1 - \frac{\alpha}{90} \right]^2 = 0.694$$

$$i_d = \left[1 - \frac{\alpha}{\phi} \right]^2 = 0.3663$$

$$q_u = c N_c s_c \cdot d_c \cdot i_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_q s_q d_q i_d + \gamma D N_q s_q d_q i_q$$

$$q_u = 369.007 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$q_c = \frac{q_u - \gamma D}{F} + \gamma D = 303 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$q_{nu} = q_u - \gamma D \times R_{w1}$$

$$= 969 - 20 \times 1.5 \times 0.5$$

$$q_{nu} = 954 \text{ KN/m}^2$$

$$Q_s = 343 \times 2 \times 2$$

$$= 1332 \text{ KN}$$

Ans: -

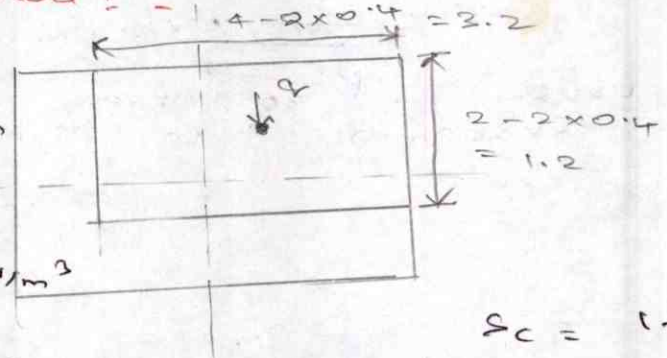
NRE ultimate bearing capacity = 954 KN/m²
 safe permissible load = 1332 KN

⑥ A Rectangular footing having size 2m x 4m is founded below G.L. at a depth of 1.5m. The soil properties are c = 30kPa; $\phi = 22^\circ$; $\gamma = 17.5 \text{ KN/m}^3$; WT is at far away from the base the load applied on the footing is inclined at an angle 10° with the vertical. There is an eccentricity of 40cm for breadth only. Determine NRE ultimate bearing capacity.

Use BIS Method: -

- $\phi = 22^\circ$
- $D = 1.5 \text{ m}$
- $B = 2 \text{ m}$
- $c = 30$
- $\alpha = 10^\circ$

- $e = 0.4 \text{ m}$
- $L = 4 \text{ m}$
- $\gamma = 17.5 \text{ KN/m}^3$



$$B' = 1.2$$

$$L' = 3.2$$

$$N_q = e^{1.4 - 2 \times 0.4} \times \tan^2(45 + \phi/2)$$

$$= 7.82$$

$$s_c = 1 + 0.2 B'/L = 1.075$$

$$s_q = 1 + 0.2 B'/L = 1.075$$

$$s_\gamma = 1 - 0.4 B'/L = 0.85$$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot \phi$$

$$= 16.88$$

$$i_c = 1.37$$

$$i_q = i_\gamma = 1.085$$

$$N_\alpha = 2 [N_q + 1] \tan \phi$$

$$= 7.127$$

$$i_c = i_q = \left[1 - \frac{\alpha}{90} \right]^2 = 0.79$$

$$i_\gamma = \left[1 - \frac{\alpha}{\phi} \right]^2 = 0.2975$$

$$R_{w1} = R_{w2} = 1$$

$$q_u = c n_c s_c q_{c1c} + 0.5 \gamma B N_d s_d q_{d1q} R_w$$

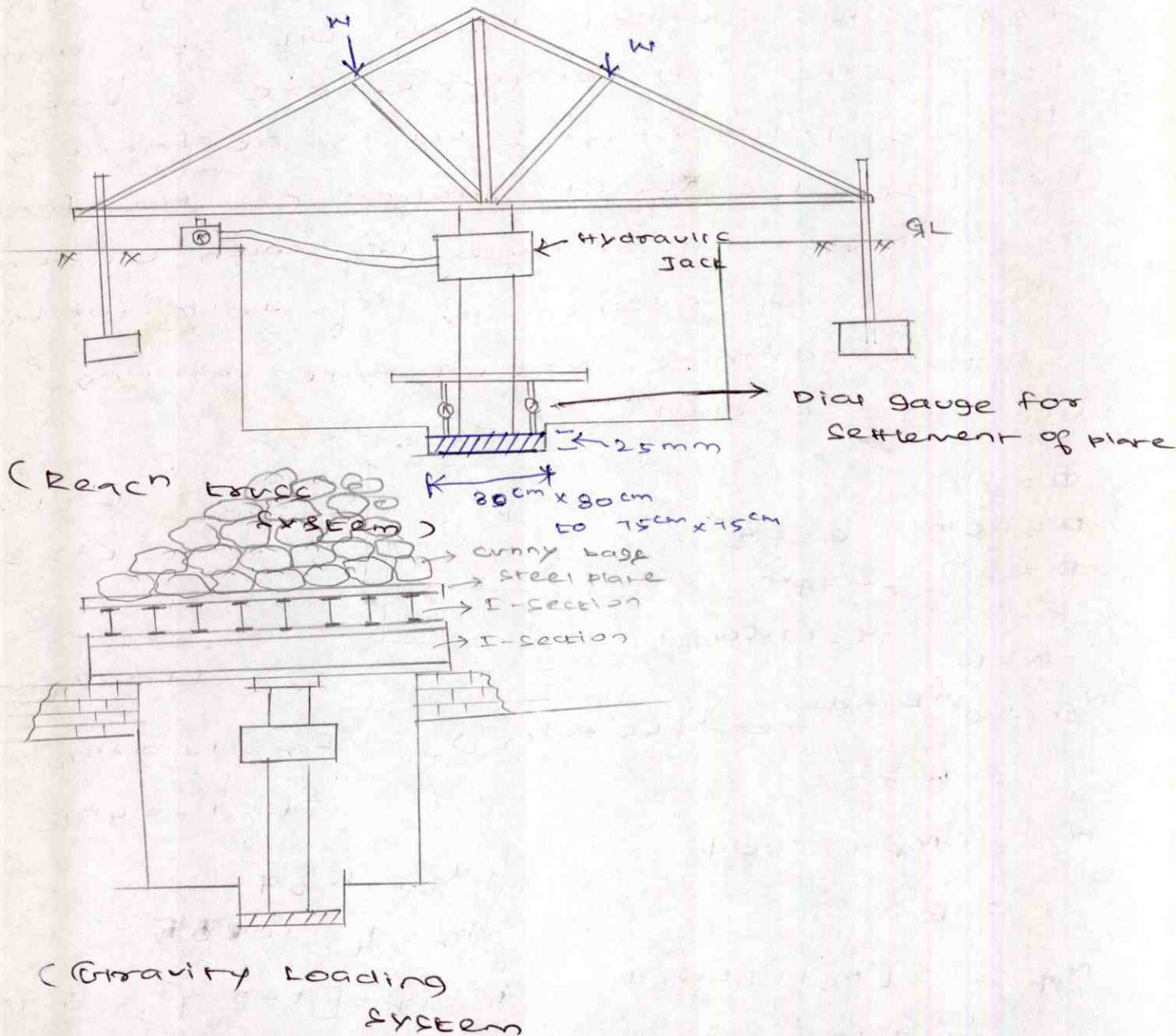
$$+ 1.0 \gamma_d N_q s_q q_{q1q} R_w$$

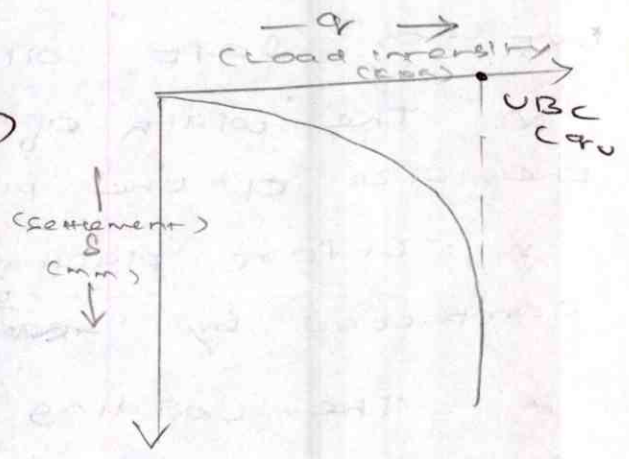
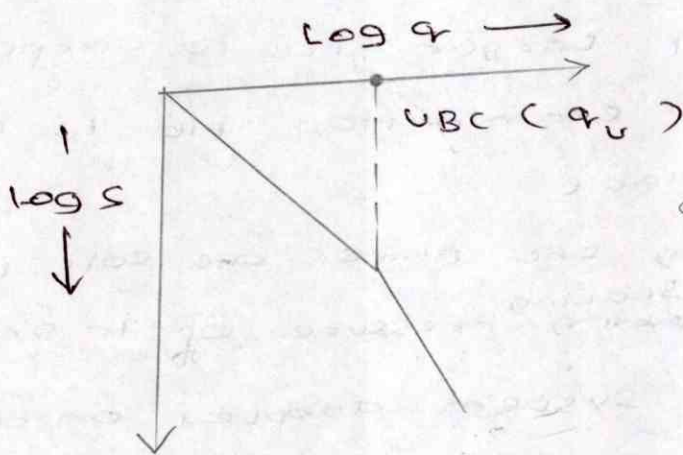
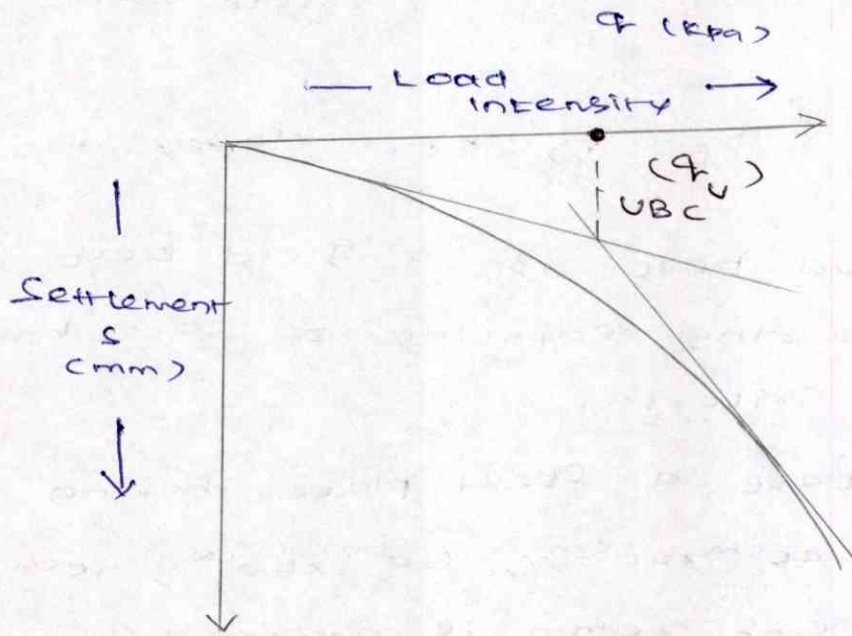
$$q_u = 818.187 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$q_{nu} = q_u - dD$$

$$A q_{nu} = 791.937 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

PLATE LOAD TEST





(Log Log scale)

TERZAGHI & PECK

Settlement of actual footing

$$S_f = S_p \left[\frac{B_f (b_p + 0.3)}{b_p (B_f + 0.3)} \right]^2$$

⇒ Sandy soil
(Granular soil)

where,

B_f = width of footing in m

b_p = width of plate in m

$$S_f = S_p \times \frac{B_f}{b_p} \Rightarrow \text{for clayey soil}$$

$$q_f = q_p \times \frac{B_f}{b_p} \Rightarrow \text{sandy soil} \\ (\text{scale effect})$$

$$q_f \approx q_p \Rightarrow \text{for clayey soil}$$

- * Plate load test is a field test to determine bearing capacity of soil based on settlement criteria.
- * In this test a steel plate having size 30cm x 30cm; 45cm x 45cm; 60cm x 60cm; 75cm x 75cm having thickness 25mm is adopted
- * For dense soil smaller size is adopted but for soft soil larger size is adopted.
- * The width of examination pit is 5 times the size of the plate
- * Before placing the plate the soil is compacted by ~~seating~~ ^{seating} pressure of 70 g/cm^2
- * The loading system adopted on the plate at the site is
 - a) Reaction truss system
 - b) Gravity loading system
- * Nowadays ^{truss} reaction system is more popular
- The settlement of the plate is determined with the help of three dial gauges placed at 120° interval.
- * The mean of three dial gauges values is the settlement on a particular intensity of load
- * A graph is plotted in between the settlement of the plate & intensity load applied on the plate as shown in above fig.

* The value of UBC of the soil is determined from the graph as shown in above fig.

Drawbacks:

- (i) This test is not accurate for clayey soil where the ultimate settlement can not be reached in a limited time.
- (ii) This test is value less for sandy soil where scale effect takes place.
∴ Linear interpolation to be applied to get the bearing capacity of a footing on a sandy soil.
- (iii) If water table is near G.L then this test does not give accurate result.
- (iv) This test is not accurate if the soil below the foundation (or) test pit is not homogeneous for a depth = 2 times width of the footing.

NOTE:

Housel's formula:

According to Mr. Housel the applied load on a footing is equal to $qA + \int s \times p$

$$Q = q \times A + \int s \times p$$

where,

q = pressure intensity at the base of the footing

A = Base area of the footing

s = circumferential shear

p = perimeter of the footing

④ In a plate load test conducted on cohesionless soil a 600 mm square test plate settled by 15 mm determine the settlement of 1 m square footing?

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_f &= S_p \left[\frac{B_f (B + 0.3)}{b [B_p + 0.3]} \right]^2 \\
 &= 15 \left[\frac{1 (0.6 + 0.3)}{0.6 (1 + 0.3)} \right]^2 \\
 &= 19.97 \text{ mm}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$S_f \approx 20 \text{ mm}$$

⑤ A square footing having size 1 m x 1 m carries a load of 150 kN. another footing of size 2 m x 2 m carries a load of 300 kN determine the load carrying capacity of footing having size 3 m x 3 m

Soln: -

$$Q_1 = q A_1 + S \cdot x P_1 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$Q_2 = q A_2 + S \cdot x P_2 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$Q_3 = q A_3 + S \cdot P_3 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$150 = q (1 \times 1) + S (4 \times 1) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$300 = q (2 \times 2) + S (4 \times 2) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

By solving ① & ②

$$q = 0 ; S = 37.5 \text{ kN/m}$$

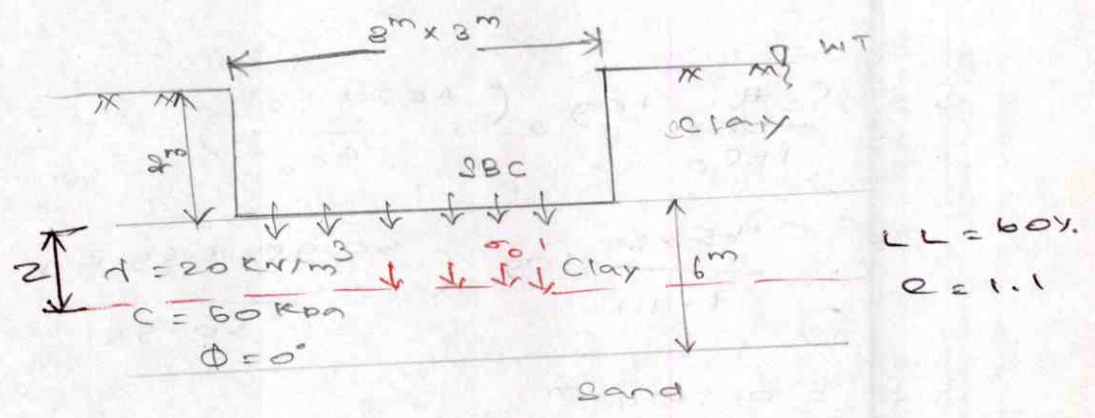
$$Q_3 = q A_3 + S P_3$$

$$= 0 + 37.5 \times (4 \times 3)$$

$$Q_3 = 450 \text{ kN}$$

① Determine the consolidation settlement of clayey soil having profile as shown in Fig below. use 2:1 method & Skempton method take FOS = 3

D = 2 m
B = 3 m



By Skempton

$$q_u = C N_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_q$$

$D/B < 2.5$

$$N_c = 9 [1 + 0.2 D/B]$$

$$N_c = 6.8 = 6.8$$

$$N_q = 0$$

$$N_q = 1 \quad = 60 \times 6.8 + 20 \times 2 \times 1 \times 0.5$$

$$q_u = 428 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$q_s = \frac{q_u - \gamma D}{F} + \gamma D$$

$$q_s = 156 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$S = \frac{C_c \cdot H}{1 + e_0} \log_{10} \left(\frac{\sigma_0' + \Delta \sigma'}{\sigma_0'} \right) = 0.265$$

$$C_c = 0.009 (LL - 10\%) = 0.45$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_0' &= \gamma_1 h_1 + \gamma_2 h_2 - \gamma_w h_w \\ &= 20 \times 2 + 20 \times 3 - 9.81 \times 2 \\ \sigma_0' &= 50.95 \text{ kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$A_0 = \frac{Q}{(B+2)(L+2)} = \frac{r_s \times A}{(B+2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{15638 \times 3 \times 3}{(3+3)^2}$$

$$A_0 = 39.095 \text{ KN/m}^2$$

$$S = \frac{C_c H}{1+e_0} \log_{10} \left(\frac{A_{s0} + A_{s1}}{A_{s0}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{0.45 \times 6}{1+1.1} \log_{10} \left(\frac{50.95 + 39.095}{50.95} \right)$$

$$S = 0.3179 \text{ m}$$

100%
primary

$$S_{\text{final}} = 31.8 \text{ cm}$$

- 29) Find net SBC of Rectangular Footing having size $2\text{m} \times 4\text{m}$ placed at 1m below GL. The eccentricity of load is 15cm in breadth direction only. The inclination of load is 10° with the vertical. Take eqn. soil properties, $c' = 20\text{ kPa}$; $\phi' = 25^\circ$ & $\gamma = 18\text{ kN/m}^3$. The WT is at the base of the footing. ADOPT, ISF method.

From IS: 6403-1981

$$Q_{fu} = C N_c S_c d_c i_c + 0.5 \gamma B \cdot N_q S_d i_d + \gamma D N_q d_q i_q S_q$$

Where,

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan \phi} \cdot \tan^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) ; \quad S_c, S_d, S_q - \text{shape factors}$$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot \phi$$

$$N_q = 2(N_q + 1) \tan \phi$$

d_c, d_d, d_q - depth factors

i_c, i_d, i_q - inclination factors

NOTE:-

- 1) Dr. Terzaghi did not consider base factor, ground factor, inclination factor, depth factor
- 2) Mr. Meyerhof considered shape factor, depth factor & inclination factor
- 3) Mr. Brinch Hansen considered all possible factors like shape factor, depth factor, inclination factor, base factor & ground factor
- 4) Mr. Vesic adopted all factors given by Hansen but he change the bearing capacity factor relation

5) IS: 6403-1981 has adopted vesic bearing capacity factors but ground factors & base factors have been neglected.

According to IS: 6403-1981, the relation given as below.

$$q_u = c N_c s_c d_c i_c + 0.5 \gamma B N_q s_q d_q i_q R_{w2} + \gamma D R_{w1} N_q s_q d_q i_q$$

where,

Bearing capacity factors, (N_c, N_q, N_γ)

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan \phi} \tan^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2} \right)$$

If $\phi = 0$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot \phi$$

$$N_c = 5.14$$

$$N_\gamma = 2(N_q + 1) \tan \phi$$

$$N_\gamma = 1$$

$$N_\gamma = 0$$

Shape factors: -
(s_c, s_q, s_γ)

Shape of footing:	s_c	s_q	s_γ
Strip/wall footing	1.0	1.0	1.0
Rectangle	$(1 + 0.2 B/L)$	$(1 + 0.2 B/L)$	$(1 - 0.4 B/L)$
Square	1.3	1.2	0.8
Circle	1.3	1.2	0.6

Depth factors: -

$$d_c = \left(1 + 0.2 \frac{D_f}{B} \right) \sqrt{N_q}$$

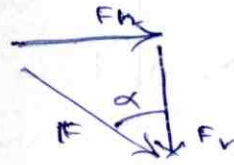
$$d_q = d_\gamma = \left(1 + 0.1 \frac{D_f}{B} \right) \sqrt{N_q}$$

For $\phi > 10^\circ$

$$N_q = \frac{(1 + \sin \phi)}{1 - \sin \phi}$$

$$d_q = d_\gamma = 1 ; \text{ For } \phi < 10^\circ$$

Load inclination factors:-



$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} (F_H / F_V)$$

$$i_c = i_q = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{90}\right)^2$$

$$i_r = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{\phi}\right)^2$$

Solve:-

⇒

$$N_q = e^{\pi \tan \phi} (E \tan^2 (\pi/4 + \phi/2)) = 10.66$$

$$N_c = (N_q - 1) \cot \phi = 20.115$$

$$N_q = 2(N_q + 1) E \tan \phi = 10.87$$

⇒

$$S_c = (1 + 0.2 B/L)$$

$$L = L' = 4 \text{ m}$$

$$B' = B - 2e = 2 - 2(0.15) = 1.7 \text{ m}$$

$$S_c = 1.085$$

$$S_q = (1 + 0.2 B/L) = 1.085$$

$$S_d = (1 - 0.4 B/L) = 0.83$$

⇒

$$d_c = 1 + 0.2 \frac{D_f}{B} \sqrt{N_q}$$

$$N_q = \frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 - \sin \phi} = 2.464$$

$$d_c = 1.085$$

$$d_q = d_d = 1 + 0.2 \frac{D_f}{B} \sqrt{N_q} = 1.09$$

$$\Rightarrow i_c = i_q = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{90}\right)^2 = 0.19 \quad \alpha = 0$$

$$i_r = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{\phi}\right)^2 = 0.36$$

$$R_{w1} = 1; R_{w2} = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{nu} &= C N_c s_c d_c i_c + 0.5 \gamma_b N_q s_q d_q i_q R_{w2} \\
 &\quad + q_{DRW} (N_q^{-1}) d_q i_q s_q \\
 &= 20 \times 20.715 \times 1.085 \times 1.185 \times 0.79 \\
 &\quad + 0.5 \times 18 \times 1.7 \times 10.87 \times 0.83 \times 1.09 \times 0.5 \\
 &\quad + 18 \times 1 \times 1 \times (10.66^{-1}) \times 1.09 \times 0.79 \\
 &\quad \times 1.085
 \end{aligned}$$

$$q_u = 627.169 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_{nu} = q_u - q_D = 609.17 \text{ kPa}$$

$$q_{ns} = \frac{q_{nu}}{F} = \frac{609.17}{3} = 203.06 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_{ns} = \frac{q_{nu}}{F} + q_D = \frac{609.17}{3} + 18 \times 1 = 221 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Q_s = 221 \times 4 \times 1.7 = 1502.8 \text{ kN}$$

Note:-

max permissible safe bearing capacity of soil

IS:1904

SBC of soil

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) very soft clay | - 50 kPa (5 t/m ²) |
| 2) soft clay | - 100 kPa |
| 3) medium clay | - 150 kPa |
| 4) Black cotton soil | - 150 kPa |
| 5) stiff clay | - 250 kPa |
| 6) very hard clay | - 450 kPa |